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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN EXPEDITING
RETURN OF RADAR EQUIPMENT

1. NASA REQUESTS EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN EXPEDITING RETURN
OF RADAR EQUIPMENT ON LOAN TO INSTITUTO DE PESQUISAS
ESPACIAIS (INPE) UNDER JULY 1, 1965 MEMORANDUM OF UNDER-
STANDING FOR EXAMETNET (EXPERIMENTAL INTER-AMERICAN
METEOROLOGICAL NETWORK) COOPERATION. LOAN UNDER 1965
AGREEMENT WAS FOR ONE-YEAR PERIOD WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSION
BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT FOR LIMITED PERIOD ONLY. INPE
DIRECTOR MENDONCA INDICATED IN OCTOBER 1975 THAT INPE NO
LONGER REQUIRES THE NASA RADAR CURRENTLY AT NATAL TO
DISCHARGE ITS EXAMETNET RESPONSIBILITIES. NASA HAS NEED
OF THE RADAR FOR OTHER PROGRAMS.

2. CABLE TO MENDONCA 1 JANUARY 1976 REQUESTED RETURN OF
EQUIPMENT. NO REPLY RECEIVED. AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH
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INPE REP AT MEETING IN PHILADELPHIA IN JUNE, NASA CABLED

NEW INPE DIRECTOR PARADA 30 JUNE 1976 REQUESTING RETURN.
REPLY RECEIVED 30 JULY 1976 FROM PARADA STATED NATAL
PRESENTLY OPERATING WITH BOTH BERN C-BAND AND MPS-19
S-BAND RADARS; SINCE PERFORMANCE OF BERN SYSTEM SAID TO
BE NOT RELIABLE PARADA THOUGHT EXAMETNET OPERATIONS WOULD

BE DEGRADED BY REMOVAL OF MPS-19 AT THIS TIME,
OTHER SOURCES INDICATE MPS-19 NOT NECESSARY TO EXAMETNET
PROGRAM. NASA RESPONSE 9 AUGUTST QUOTE REQUEST YOUR
COMMITMENT TO AN EARLY FINAL DEADLINE FOR RETURN OF NASA
MPS-19 RADAR. IF SATISFACTORY DATE PROVIDED TO US,
NASA WILL CONSENT TO EXTENDING LOAN FOR FURTHER BRIEF
PERIOD. IF DEFINITE EARLY RETURN CANNOT BE AGREED, NASA
WILL REQUEST US EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN EXPEDITING
RETURN OF RADAR. UNQUOTE

3. IN LIGHT OF NO RESPONSE, NASA REQUESTS EMBASSY SCIATT
CONTACT INPE TO SECURE EARLY DEFINITE DATE FOR RETURN
OF MPS-19 RADAR AND EQUIPMENT ASSOCIATED WITH IT INCLUDING
OA-626 COMPUTER, MARK-51 DIRECTOR, AND PAIR OF 30KW
DIESEL GENERATORS. INPE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SHIPMENT TO
US SITE, PREFERABLY NASA WALLOPS FLIGHT CENTER, WALLOPS
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